

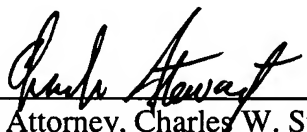
## REMARKS

In order to place this application in a condition for allowance, claims 11-15, 17, 18 and 45 are canceled from the specification. Claim 10 and 16 were previously canceled. The remaining claims 1-9 and 19-44 are unchanged from previous response.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request an early issuance of a notice of allowance of claims 1-9 and 19-44.

Respectfully submitted,

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